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Sixteen Generic Names of Pisces, Amphibia, and Reptilia Placed in the Official List of Generic Names

SUMMARY.—The following names are hereby placed in the Official List of Generic Names: PISCES: Blennius, Echeneis, Esox, Ophidion. Amphibia: Cryptobranchus, Desmognathus, Siren. Reptilia : Illigator, Calamaria, Chelydra, Crotalus, Dermochelys, Eremias, Lacerta, Mabuya, Phrynosoma.

STATEMENT OF CASE.—Commissioner Apstein (1915a, pp. 190-192) has proposed the adoption of the following generic names of Pisces, Amphibia, and Reptilia, as "nomina conservanda."

Pisces

Blennius Linn., 1758a, 256, type B. occllaris Linn., 1758a, 256. Echeneis Linn., 1758a, 260, type E. naucrates Linn., 1758a, 261. Esox Linn., 1758a, 313, type E. lucius Linn., 1758a, 314. Ophidion Linn., 1758a, 250, type O. barbatum Linn., 1758a, 250.

Amphibla

Cryptobranchus I euck., 1821, 250, mt. Salamandra gigantea Barton = alleganiensis Daud., 1803, 231 = alleghaniensis Harlan, 1825, 233. Desmognathus Baird, 1849, 282, type Triturus fuscus Raf., 1820, 4. Siren Linn., 1769, addenda, mt. S. lacertina Linn., 1766, addenda.

REPTILIA

Alligator Cuv., 1807, 25, type Crocodilus mississipiensis Daud., 1803, v. 2, 412. Calamaria Boie, 1827, 236, tat. Coluber calamaria Linn., 1758a, 216. Chelydra Schweigg., 1812, 202, mt. Testudo serpentina Linn., 1758a, 109. Crotalus Linn., 1758a, 214, type C. horridus Linn., 1758a, 214. Dermochelys Blainv., 1816, 119, type Testudo coriacea Linn., 1766, 350. Eremias Wiegm., 1834, 9, type Lacerta velox Pall., 1771, 457. Lacerta Linn., 1758a, 200, type L. agilis Linn., 1758a, 203. Mabuya Fitz., 1826, 23, type Scincus sloanii Daud., 1803, v. 4, 287. Phrynosoma Wiegm., 1828, 367, type Lacerta orbiculare Linn., 1758a, 206.

Discussion.—The 4 names of fishes have been studied by Comnissioner David Starr Jordan from the standpoint of the International Rules, and he reports that they are valid under the rules.

The 3 names of Amphibia and the 9 names of Reptilia have recently been studied by Commissioner Stejneger from the standpoint of the International Rules and he reports that they are valid under the rules.

The names of the Amphibia have also been studied by Dr. Arthur E. Brown (Proceedings Academy Natural Science, Philadelphia, 1908) and he adopts them.

All of these names have been published in certain zoological journals for the information of zoologists, and in order to give members of the profession the opportunity to express their opinion for or against them. Not a single objection to any one of these names has reached the Secretary's office.

In view of the foregoing premises the Secretary recommends that the names in question, with types cited, be placed in the Official List of Generic Names.

Opinion prepared by Stiles.

Opinion concurred in by ten (10) Commissioners: Apstein, Horvath, Jordan, D. S., Jordan, K., Kolbe, Loennberg, Monticelli, Skinner, Stiles, Warren.

Opinion dissented from by no Commissioner.

Not voting, seven (7) Commissioners: Bather, Dabbene, Dautzenberg, Handlirsch, Hartert, Hoyle, Stejneger.